for limited banking facilities. Further, working of ATMs does not require deployment of any manpower and has a lower infrastructural cost in comparison to a full-fledged branch.

(b) and (c) At present, more than six hundred ATMs of all public sector banks are functioning in NCT of Delhi. As per the extant policy, banks are free to install ATMs at places of their choice. The banks are not required to obtain prior permission of the Reserve Bank of India for installation of on site/off site ATMs. As installation of ATMs is a purely business decision of the managements of the Banks, it is not possible to say how many ATMs will be installed during the next one year.

Draft facility for RRBs

†2237. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued orders for issuance of demands drafts by the Regional Rural Banks payable at the branches of sponsor banks;

(b) if so, whether the sponsor banks have enforced such orders; and

(c) if not, by when Government would ensure draft facility to be used by the Regional Rural Banks for payment at the branches of sponsor banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that issue of drafts by Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) on the branches of their sponsor banks is an operational matter and modalities for this arrangement are decided by RRBs and sponsor banks concerned.

Appointment of officers from Sponsor Banks in RRBs

†2238. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the posts, on which officers from the sponsor banks are appointed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

in the Regional Rural Banks together with the period after which sponsor bank staff cannot be appointed in these banks;

(b) whether it is a fact that the expenditure incurred on the salaries and allowances of staff deputed in these banks by the sponsor banks is being borne by the Regional Rural Banks and not by the sponsor banks; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) In terms of Section 11(1) & (2) of the Regional Rural Banks, Act 1976 the sponsor banks shall appoint an individual to be the chairman of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and specify the period not exceeding five years and on the expiry of the period specified be eligible for reappointment. Further, in terms of Section 17 (1) of the Act, it shall be lawful for a sponsor banks, if requested so to do by an RRB sponsored by it, send such number of officers or other employees on deputation to the RRB as may be necessary or desirable for the efficient performance of its functions. In practice, sponsor banks have been deputing officers as Chairman & General Managers to the RRB sponsored by them. In some cases, the sponsor banks have also deputed officers as chief Vigilance Officer's.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. However some of the sponsor Banks are reimbursing the salaries arid allowances of officers and employees deputed by them to RRBs having losses.

Reforms in Banking Sector

2239. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to constitute an Expert Committee to make recommendations regarding reforms in banksing sector to make Nationalised Banks compete with private sector banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.